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WASHINGTON--PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S NOMINATION OF JOHN A. MCCONE TO HEAD THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY WAS ALL BUT ENGULFED TODAY IN THE DRIVE FOR CLOSER CONGRESSIONAL SCRUTINY OVER HIS SECRET ORGANIZATION.

NO REAL THREAT TO MCCONE'S SENATE CONFIRMATION WAS IN PROSPECT AS CHAIRMAN RICHARD B. RUSSELL, D-GA., CALLED THE 60-YEAR OLD SHIPBUILDING EXECUTIVE BEFORE THE SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE (10:30 A.M.). HOWEVER, TWO CHAMPIONS OF THE PROPOSAL FOR A CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE OF INTELLIGENCE, WERE SCHEDULED TO TESTIFY.

SEN. EUGENE J. MCCARTHY, D-MINN., AND REP. EMILIO Q. DADDARIO, D-CONN., WERE SCHEDULED TO TESTIFY ON THE MCCONE NOMINATION, BOTH HAVE ADVOCATED CREATION OF A SENATE-HOUSE WATCHDOG COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE.

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